

ROSSETT SIXTH FORM 2019



KEY TRANSITION DATES

7 November – Sixth Form Road Show (students)

8 November – Year 11 Parents' Evening

30 November – Taster Day (students)

6 December – Sixth Form Information Evening

14 December – Application Deadline

21 January – Sixth Form Interviews

July 2019 – Induction day and parents evening



Sixth Form Subjects 2019

A Level subject choices may impact on a students future career path.



How many subjects?

- Students select 3 A Level subjects to study over 2 years.
- Students will pick a fourth option based on their GCSE results:

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Core Maths

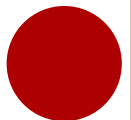
Fourth A Level (students with a high prior attainment)

UFCA Football Scholarship programme

WHAT TO CONSIDER.....

- **A Levels** (facilitating subjects).
- **Other A Levels** e.g. Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Media Studies.
- **Creative and other Level 3 Qualifications** e.g. Art, Photography, Music, Design Technology.

Over 30 courses on offer so there is something for students of all abilities. We tailor our subjects to meet the demand of the year group.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



- At least 5 GCSEs at grade C (4).
- GCSE grade B(5) or above is normally required in the subject to be studied at A Level (7 for Maths).
- The following subjects may be studied without prior knowledge of the subject:
 - Media Studies ■ Sociology ■ Psychology ■ Physical Education ■ Philosophy & Ethics ■ Economics
- Certain A Level subjects require a specific GCSE grade in another subject as part of the entry requirement e.g. Economics (6+ in Maths).



A LEVEL OR BTEC WHAT'S THE BEST OPTION ?

- A Level subjects will be **predominantly exam based.**
- BTEC Level 3 courses will be **more coursework based.**
- **Both options offer the same UCAS points when applying to university.**
- A student can do all A Levels, all BTEC courses or a combination of both.



UCAS

HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT SUBJECTS?

- It is important that students choose subjects that they **enjoy** because studying them for **two years** **requires commitment**.
- Do their teachers feel they will be successful in this subject ?
- Have they got a chosen career in mind?

Some careers need specific A levels e.g. **Medicine requires Chemistry and usually Biology**. For some other Science / Engineering courses you may need 2 science subjects.



HOW SHOULD THEY CHOOSE...

- Research university courses.
- Entry requirements.
- Complementary or contrasting subjects.
- Look at course content ? Similar or different to GCSE.
- Students should speak to teachers, meet with our Careers Advisor and talk to the Sixth Form Team.



HIGHLY COMPETITIVE COURSES

- Some courses have **high entry requirements** because of academic rigour or the number of applicants per place.

For example

- **Physiotherapy** - To study at Birmingham University you need at least A Level grades AAB. Biology or PE at grade A. Minimum of seven GCSEs grade 6/B or above including Mathematics, English and Science.
- **Mechanical Engineering** – To study at Newcastle University you need at least AAA including A Level Mathematics and at least one of Physics, Chemistry or Further Mathematics.

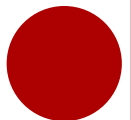
FACILITATING SUBJECTS

- These are favoured by the most prestigious universities. Students aiming for Oxford / Cambridge or a Russell Group university would be advised to take these subjects at A Level.
- Try to avoid having any more than one 'Other A Level' if considering an application to Oxford or Cambridge University.
- This year we are currently support 6 students with their application to Oxbridge




CREATIVE AND OTHER A LEVELS

- Many of our students who gained Distinctions in BTEC Sport (double), have gone on to institutions such as York St. John and Leeds Beckett to study a sport related degrees.
- Some of our music students have progressed to Salford University to study Music Performance and Production.
- Tom is completing an apprenticeship as a cabinet maker after studying Product Design, Art and Science.



EXAMPLES OF CAREERS AND SUBJECTS

Engineering	Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Further Maths
Law	History, Economics, English Literature, Philosophy and Ethics
Sports	PE, BTEC Sport, Biology, BTEC Science, Psychology
Medicine or Veterinary Medicine	Biology, Chemistry, Maths, Physics
Nursing	Biology, BTEC Science, BTEC Health & Social Care, Psychology, Sociology
Drama	Drama/Performing Arts, English Language, Media
Media	Media, English Language, ICT
Criminology	Sociology, Psychology, English Language, History
Business	Business, Economics, History
Art /Design	Art, Photography, Product Design



SUBJECTS WE HAVE OFFERED IN THE PAST

Maths and Science	English and Media and Computer Science	Art, Music and Design	Humanities	Sport and Languages
Maths	English Literature	Art & Design	History	French
Further Maths	English Language	Photography	Geography	Spanish
Biology	Media Studies	Product Design	Philosophy & Ethics	PE (Physical Education)
Physics	Computer Science	BTEC Performing Arts	Business Studies	BTEC Sport (Single, Double & Triple)
Chemistry	EPQ	Music	Economics	BTEC Health & Social Care
BTEC Science		BTEC Food Technology	Psychology	
Core Maths			Sociology	

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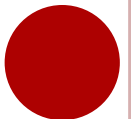


WHAT IS AN EPQ?

- Extended Project Qualification
- Graded (A* - E)

One Year course

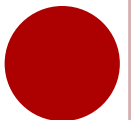
- Choose an area of interest
- Carry out their own research
- Write a 5000 word report or 1000 words and produce an artefact



ADVICE

Encourage your son or daughter to :

1. Talk to their teachers
2. Research possible careers / university courses (UCAS)
3. Speak to family / friends in industry / Career Advisor
4. Take subjects they enjoy
5. Speak to the Sixth Form team or students



QUESTIONS?

1. Visit school website for more information and select Sixth Form
2. Twitter feed
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